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ACC COMPLETESSIXTH MEETING

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LAGOS, Nigeria (DPS, Aug. 9) -- At its sixth meeting, the Anglican Consultative Council has affirmed an understanding of the Church's mission which clearly calls Christians to confront the social structures which surround them in working toward peace with justice for all people.

Meeting here July 17-27, the Council's 60 delegates from 46 countries approved a statement that the Church's mission involves "not only proclamation of the Gospel but also the common life of the Church and the Church's relation to society as a whole;" therefore Christians "are called to challenge every kind of structure (including Church structures) which become oppressive and deny human dignity."

The Council endorsed a progression Christians should seek in their response to human need from a ministry of compassion (aimed at meeting the immediate needs of the suffering) through community development (aimed at improving the standard of living and the well-being of

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those in the community) to social transformation (in which they are called to attack the root causes of human suffering, looking beyond persons to the structures of society). In particular, the Council called on its member churches, wherever possible, to enter into dialogue with their various governments to try to ease the acute tensions which exist in Namibia and in Central America. Whole-hearted approval was voiced for the pastoral visits of a delegation sent to Namibia last year by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and a similar delegation sent to Central America in January 1984 by the Presiding Bishop of the United States. The Churches were asked to publicize the visits and the situations in the two areas, and to work with ecumenical agencies as well as governments in alleviating conditions. The Council also voiced appreciation to the Archbishop of Canterbury for sending last year, at the request of bishop Desmond Tutu, a group to lend support to the South African Council of Churches, then under investigation by the Eloff Commission.

Interaction with ecumenical agencies and governments was called for regarding the whole matter of refugees and migration around the world, which was termed "a major issue of international tension and alienation." The Council approved establishment of a network to share information and expertise on refugee/migration matters, and suggested that each province attempt to involve all levels of the Church in that ministry.

Asserting that the "Gospel imperative requires God's children to work for peace with justice," the Council urged all member churches and their dioceses to consider this a top priority in their mission and ministry. The Anglican peace network now being established was welcomed as a means of sharing information throughout the Communion.

The Council requested the secretary-general to seek non-governmental observer (NGO) affiliation and observer status for the Anglican Consultative Council with the United Nations as a means of sharing information and influencing strategy in matters involving basic human rights and needs.

Authorization was given to establish an ongoing advisory group on mission issues and strategies. The group will initiate a world-wide conference to involve all mission agencies as well as the

churches in whose mission they are participants, for the purpose of developing a more coordinated response to the Partners in Mission process and overall mission strategy.

A second theme running throughout the Anglican Consultative Council meeting was the importance of strengthening ecumenical relations as part of the Church's "pilgrimage toward unity." Almost every resolution passed by the Council included an ecumenical dimension which urged the member churches to work closely with other communions. The Council recommended constituting a new Anglican/Orthodox Commission to follow up on the forthcoming statement agreed upon by the two communions; commended progress made in Anglican/Lutheran relationships and in particular the "Interim Eucharistic sharing" authorized in the United States as a step towards full communion; encouraged provinces to complete their responses to the Anglican/Roman Catholic (ARCIC) Final Report so that these can be considered at the next Council meeting; welcomed the recently released Anglican/Reformed report and asked for the provinces' response.

Approval was given to a proposal to invite representatives of the United Churches, and of other churches in full communion, to discuss the question of their membership in the Lambeth Conference at the Primates Meeting in March 1986.

The Council also made a strong statement in support of full communion within the Anglican Communion, with reference particularly to the ordination of women.

A group which concentrated on dogmatic and pastoral matters, headed by the Very Rev. Frederick Borsch, Dean of the Chapel at Princeton University, dealt with two marriage problems confronting various parts of the Communion: Anglican/Roman Catholic inter-marriages and polygamy. The Council endorsed the group's position with regard to inter-marriage that there must be complete equality between the partners and between the churches. The full report on that matter will be sent to the Secretariat for Christian Unity in Rome for consultation.

The Council asked the African provinces to study the issue of polygamy and the Christian family further in both its theological and pastoral dimensions, and to make available its findings to the 1988 Lambeth Conference.

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Reviewing the many problems of contemporary life contributing to the breakdown of the family, which the Church has recognized as the basic element in "the social orders of all God's creation," the Council suggested that the family and society be a major subject for study by Lambeth '88. The Archbishop of Canterbury endorsed this suggestion, expressing the hope that the Lambeth Conference might issue as historic a statement on the family as it had in 1958.

The Council also requested studies on other areas of concern including authority in the Church, Anglicanism and indigenization, and the charismatic movement in Anglicanism.

With regard to increasing tensions between Christians living in Islamic countries, especially the Sudan, the member Churches were asked to study the foreign aid policies of their respective governments to see if they are linked to the observance of the Declaration of Human Rights, including specifically the article referring to the freedom of religion, and to be responsive to the special needs of the Church in Sudan, giving support in prayer. The Council asked the Communion to seek dialogue on this matter with other churches and the World Muslim Federation.

Archdeacon Yong Ping Chung of the Diocese of Sabah, Malaysia, was elected to chair the Council in succession to John Grant Denton of Australia, who has served since 1980. The new chairman was born in Indonesia of Chinese parentage and undertook theological studies in Canada. He was ordained in 1966 and has been Archdeacon of Sabah since 1977. He is chairman of the Sabah Interior Mission, an indigenous mission initiative founded 25 years ago to reach the Kadazan peoples of central Sabah.

Four new members were elected to the Council's standing committee: Archbishop George Browne (West Africa), Patricia Bays (Canada), the Rev. Winston Ndungane (Southern Africa) and Bishop Joseph Iida (Japan). They join Bishop Alastair Haggart, Vice Chairman (Scotland); the Rev. Colin Craston (England); the Rev. Benezere Kisembo (Uganda) and Dr. Charles Lawrence (U.S.A.). As president, the Archbishop of Canterbury is an ex-officio member of the standing committee.

Faga Matalavea of Samoa was appointed to a "co-opted member" position in the Council.

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Paying tribute to the work of the Council near the close of the 10-day meeting, Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie said that the Anglican Consultative Council "is now a spiritual reality of common worship, deep friendships, and a forum for honest and sometimes robust exchange of opinions."

"I know now that oppression and suffering can never destroy the Christian Church anywhere, but complacency, internal squabbles, taking things for granted, lack of vision -- that's a different matter." Therefore, the Archbishop concluded, paraphrasing St. Paul's letter to the Philippians, "I thank God for our partnership in the Gospel."

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PICTURE CAPTIONS

(84157/1) The recent meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council in Lagos, Nigeria provided an opportunity for the Province and people of Nigeria to play host to Anglican leaders from throughout the world, and they took full and enthusiastic advantage of that opportunity. When Archbishop Robert Runcie of Canterbury arrived at the airport, he was met by a large delegation of lay and clerical church leaders. During the ceremonies, the spiritual leader of Anglicanism knelt to receive a gift of fruit presented by the Nigerian children. Standing behind Runcie is Nigerian Archbishop Timothy Olufosoye.

(84157/2) One of the pieces of business that the Anglican Consultative Council had to accomplish at its recent meeting in Lagos, Nigeria was to elect a successor to Australian John Denton as chairman of the Council. They chose the Ven. Yong Ping Chung of the Diocese of Sabah, Malaysia, who later posed with the secretary general, the Rev. Canon Samuel Van Culin, left; the president, Archbishop Robert Runcie of Canterbury, second from right; and Denton, far right.

(84157/3) Leaders of the Anglican Consultative Council took advantage of their time in the capitol of Nigeria to exchange views with the officials of that country. Archbishop Robert Runcie of Canterbury, second from left, talked with Maj. Gen. Muhammed Buhari, head of state. They

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are flanked by ACC chairman John Denton, left and Nigerian Archbishop Timothy Olufosoye.

(84157/4) When the Anglican Consultative Council decided to meet in Lagos, Nigeria, it was agreed that the gathering should provide the widest possible opportunities for cultural exchange. Dr. Margaret M. Lawrence, a psychologist and lay leader in the Diocese of New York, joined her husband, House of Deputies president Dr. Charles R. Lawrence, who is the Episcopal church's lay delegate to the Council, at the meeting. Here she is seen addressing the congregation during services at St. Thomas' Church, Badagry. A lay reader from the parish serves as interpreter. Badagry is the first place in Nigeria to which Christian missionaries brought the Gospel.

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ACTIONS ROUNDUP FROM
WCC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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GENEVA (DPS, Aug. 9) -- The World Council of Churches enters the latter half of the decade with a new chief staff officer and guidelines for its work in the wake of the Council's Sixth Assembly last year in Vancouver.

Meeting at the Ecumenical Center here July 9-18, the 158-member central committee elected The Rev. Emilio Castro, a 57 year old Uruguayan, as the fourth World Council of Churches general secretary, and outlined ways to implement assembly priorities on justice, peace and the integrity of creation; women; spirituality; and Gospel and culture.

When Castro takes office next January, he will succeed the Rev. Philip Potter, 62, who is retiring after 12 years as general secretary. Both men are ordained Methodists and both headed the Council's world mission and evangelism commission before becoming general secretary.

Paying homage to Potter's leadership, Castro spoke of his own hopes for the Council: "This house has become a symbol of hope, of solidarity for all the outcasts or marginals of the world. If I speak from the depth of my Latin American experience, I will render testimony to the reality of the support of the prayer, of the understanding, that this house, under your leadership, has provided for those that, very often, were also misunderstood, not only by the police but also by the church authorities...Under your leadership,...this house has been able to provide a support and to rally around those who were persecuted for the sake of justice. May God give me the strength to keep faithful to that heritage."

Commenting on the election, The Church Times of London said: "Castro is a Methodist and Methodism at its best means a passion for mission in a context no smaller than the Kingdom of God. That great tradition, which was born within Anglicanism and ought never to have been divorced from it, will help the WCC in its evidently sincere and largely effective attempts to overcome the polarisation between spirituality and social action.

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"Castro has attained a fine and multilingual scholarship after a working-class boyhood and although he has been exiled from his native Uruguay since 1973, he typifies the Latin American energy which is (together with African devotion) now the chief instrument used by the Holy Spirit to pour out the Pentecostal gifts. Under his leadership, the second half of the 1980's may well see not only more theological agreement but also more outgoing cooperation in the wide field indicated by the WCC's post-Vancouver theme, Confessing the Apostolic Faith Today."

Castro was elected on the morning of the fourth day of the committee meeting; most of the rest of the committee's working time was taken up with shaping broad directions under which the new general secretary and the rest of the staff will work during his five year term.

The committee approved two world conferences to be held in the late 1980's — on faith and order, probably in 1988, and on justice, peace and the integrity of creation (JPIC), possibly in 1989.

The faith and order gathering would be the fifth such. The first met in Lausanne in 1927. It would deal in large measure with three current worldwide faith and order emphases — reaction in various parts of the church to the 1982 World Council of Churches' theological convergence text on baptism, Eucharist, and ministry (BEM), how the 20th century Church confesses the faith which comes from its first centuries, and links between the unity of the Church and the renewal of human community.

The other conference is part of a series of proposals for work on the issue for the next several years. The proposed meeting would be a "forum for sharing ecumenical covenant by serving as a focal point in the conciliar process of covenanting for justice and peace."

A statement on Namibia and a study document on recent developments in southern Africa also emerged from the meeting. The first, passed unanimously, "deplores and condemns" South African harassment of church people and/or property and adds "deep appreciation for the courageous witness" of the leadership of the council of churches there. It also appeals to the World Council members "to unmask and condemn South Africa's intensified campaign of diplomatic deception" over Namibia,

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renew their commitment to Namibian self-determination, and press for mandatory sanctions against South Africa. The appeal is addressed especially to European and North American church members whose governments have not implemented UN Security Council Resolution 435, which calls for such sanctions.

The 22-page document on southern Africa was commended to member churches for study and action. The central committee drew particular attention to five areas: "South Africa's accords with Mozambique and Angola which have created the "misleading and dangerous impression" that South Africa is embarked on a policy of peace, the "fraudulent and racist" South African constitutional changes which exclude black people, continuing "oppression" suffered by blacks under apartheid, forced removals of blacks, and criticism by South African churches of these developments.

In discussion, committee members raised concerns about the U.S. policy of "constructive engagement" with South Africa, and increased difficulties faced by refugees from South Africa. In response to questions about the Program to Combat Racism "special fund," a staff member said contributions to it fluctuate and have declined from a 1980 high, but that southern Africa liberation movements continue to receive half its annual grants (which were approved by the Council's executive committee earlier this month and are to be announced in September after members have been formally notified).

The committee voted to meet next year in Buenos Aires, assuming satisfactory arrangements can be made, which is likely. The dates are to be either 8-19 September or 21 July-1 August. It also approved World Council of Churches' participation in two UN-designated periods -- International Youth Year (1985) and the conclusion of the Women's Decade (next July).

Also approved were a series of recommendations meant to increase women's participation in church and council activities, and a set of initiatives in the area of "learning for ecumenical participation." A 1985 budget of 36.8 million Swiss francs was approved, as was the construction of a fourth wing of the Ecumenical Center, here, which houses the World Council of Churches', the Lutheran World Federation, Conference of European Churches, World Alliance of Reformed Churches, and other church organizations.

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ANNIVERSARY SPARKS CALL
FOR FIRST WOMAN BISHOP

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PHILADELPHIA (DPS, Aug. 9) -- A service marking the 10th anniversary of the first (irregular) women's ordinations in the Episcopal Church opened a drive here to ordain the church's first woman bishop.

Over 400 persons attended the Eucharist at the Church of the Advocate where three bishops, on July 29, 1974, ordained the women who became known as the "Philadelphia 11." That protest against the Episcopal Church's all-male priesthood was followed by the General Convention vote in 1976 allowing ordination of women priests.

Celebrating the Eucharist in the cavernous stone church decorated with colorful murals and banners and dotted with helium-filled balloons were four of the original 11 women priests -- The Rev. Carter Heyward and the Rev. Suzanne Hiatt, both associate professors at the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass.; the Rev. Alison M. Cheek, recently returned from New Zealand, where she was consultant to a seminary; and the Rev. Alla Bozarth-Campbell, who heads an ecumenical center for women in Minneapolis.

Also present were three other principal figures from the 1974 rites which defied Episcopal Church canons -- the Rev. Paul Washington, the rector who allowed his church to be used for the "irregular" ordinations; and two of the bishops who participated, the Rt. Rev. Antonio Ramos, at that time bishop of Costa Rica and now a National Council of Churches official; and the Rt. Rev. Robert DeWitt, a "resigned" bishop who for several years edited the Witness magazine.

Preaching at the anniversary celebration, Ramos recalled his participation in the historic event and said he regretted only that he had not joined DeWitt and two retired bishops in the actual ordaining act, the "laying of hands."

Ramos called the effort to open the priesthood to women "a partial victory, not a total one." In 10 years, he noted, more than 500 women have been ordained, but many are not able to find employment as parish priests. (Only 83 of the 565 ordained women are in charge of

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parishes). "There are still bishops who refuse to ordain women," he said, "and there are still people who refuse to take Communion from a woman."

The Rev. David Gracie, chaplain at Temple University, read a document drafted by planners of the service to launch the campaign to bring women into the church's all-male episcopate. "We call upon the Episcopal Church," said the statement, "to proceed urgently and with dispatch to the election and ordination of women to the episcopate in order to bring wholeness to this order of ministry, which exists to 'lead, supervise and unite the church.'"

The document said that the church's ministry is "incomplete and divided" because there are no women bishops, and that their addition would be a "healing and fulfilling action."

Supporters of the call to elect women bishops said success might not come for a decade or more. Bishops must be at least 30 years old and be elected by a diocese to serve in that diocese. Half the dioceses in the church must approve the choice.

In 1976, when the church approved ordination of women as priests, it also approved the election and consecration of women as bishops. At least two women have been candidates in previous elections -- Canon Mary Michael Simpson in New York, and the Rev. Jean Dementi in Alaska.

Hiatt and others who led the movement for women's ordination in the 70's by violating church canons have decided to press the campaign for women bishops by acting within the system. One planner of the anniversary event said there had been consideration of an "irregular" consecration of a woman bishop, "but cooler heads prevailed," and the idea was dismissed as unwise.

The first woman bishop, they note, is most likely to be a suffragan rather than a diocesan bishop.

Other services marking the anniversary of the Philadelphia ordinations were held in Rochester, N.Y., Washington, D.C., and Detroit, Mich.

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ALLIN CALLS FOR CENTRAL

AMERICA AID, HUNGER DAY

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NEW YORK (DPS, Aug. 9) — In separate letters, Presiding Bishop John M. Allin has confirmed his support for World Food Day and called special attention to the needs of Central America.

As in previous years, Allin has commended to Episcopalians the observance of Oct. 16 as World Food Day, a celebration sponsored, since 1981, by the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization. In addition, the Presiding Bishop wrote: "I call upon the members of the Episcopal Church to join me in preparing themselves for this event through prayer, worship and study and reflection on the preceding Sunday, Oct. 14." Areas in the world which he mentioned as being of particular concern this year are Africa, the Middle East, and Central America.

In connection with World Food Day, a packet of relevant materials has been assembled by the Episcopal Church's Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief and National Hunger Offices. This has been sent to the leadership networks of both with a joint cover letter from Dr. David Crean, staff officer for hunger, and the Rev. Canon Samir J. Habiby, executive director of the Fund. Additional copies are available from either office at the Episcopal Church Center, 815 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10017.

An open letter addressed to "The People of the Episcopal Church", announces Allin's Summer Appeal and calls upon them "to assist Central American churches to provide human and material resources in response to crises in their area, through the Central America Special Appeal of the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief."

Roots of the appeal lie in Allin's trip to Central America earlier this year, where he was able to observe firsthand the needs of the area. This was reinforced by the recent report of the church's Central America Task Force, which had been appointed to visit Episcopal and Anglican churches and leaders there. Among the task force recommendations presented to Executive Council in June was one to "Designate special funds, through the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Re-

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lief...for the relief, rehabilitation, development and refugee/migration needs of the Central American and contiguous dioceses in order to support local outreach programs."

Allin ended his letter for the Summer Appeal with: "Let us pray for the steadfast faith of the bishops, clergy, and laity of our Central American churches in courageously addressing the needs of their people. Let their perseverance be our call to action. Let us enable our mission and their ministry to grow stronger through gifts to the Fund's Central America Appeal."

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FORUM LOOKS AT
MISSION STRATEGY

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CHICAGO (DPS, Aug. 9) -- Over 200 new Episcopal congregations have been launched in the past five years while many older parishes dwindle. Dealing with both of these phenomena was the subject when 118 persons from 78 dioceses gathered here June 25-27 for a National Forum on Diocesan Mission Strategy for New Congregations and Redevelopment.

The forum was the result of two years of planning and work by the Joint Task Force for Congregational Development and Redevelopment, chaired by the Rev. Dr. Arlin Rothauge, Coordinator of Congregational Development at the Episcopal Church Center. According to Rothauge, "We wanted to bring diocesan leaders of the Church together to share the experiences of congregational development, particularly the redevelopment of our mission program in the dioceses and the effort to establish new congregations."

Most of the funding for the forum came from the church's Venture in Mission program, and in order to facilitate communication between participants and Episcopal Church Center personnel, members of the forum's staff included representatives of a broad range of Church Center programs. Among these were the Rev. Winston Ching, staff officer for Asia American ministries; Alan Sanborn, staff officer for the National Committee on Indian Work; the Rev. Sherrill Scales of the Episcopal Church Building Fund; the Rev. Wayne Schwab, evangelism and renewal officer; and the Rev. Richard Gary, national mission development officer.

Participants in the Conference were people in decision-making positions in dioceses: archdeacons; canons to the ordinary; bishops; and members of diocesan staff for development, programming, and mission. During the course of the gathering, they heard talks on mission strategy by the Rev. Ted McEachern, executive director of the Association for Christian Training and Service (ACTS); The Rt. Rev. Richard F. Grein, Bishop of Kansas; and the Rt. Rev. Telesforo Isaac, Bishop of the Missionary Diocese of the Dominican Republic. There was also an opportu-

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nity to hear case studies presented on four mission areas: ethnic communities, old city, open country, and growth areas; and to participate in mini-workshops titled "Starting and Reshaping a Congregation", "Planning and Financing a New Congregation", and "Understanding and Integrating Ethnic Missions". At the request of conference participants, both the case studies and the papers will be published this fall.

Preparations, which included an advance survey via a mission strategy questionnaire prepared by McEachern, seem to have paid off. Evaluations from participants gave praise to the format, focus, and presentations. One person commented, "The enthusiasm was as important as the content -- a good sign!" and Grein expressed pleasure at both the wide participation and the fruitfulness of the time spent.

Response was so positive, in fact, that planning is underway for two similar gatherings in the future. The first of these will be the National Forum on Diocesan Training Programs for Ministry and Congregational Development, to be held in 1986. The second, with a projected date of 1987 or 88, is to be a National Forum on Diocesan Intervention and Consultation with Congregations.

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NGUYEN ORDAINED FIRST

VIET ANGLICAN PRIEST

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GARDEN GROVE, Calif. (DPS, Aug. 9) -- "Robert, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of Los Angeles, we present to you Dr. Duc Xuan Nguyen to be ordained a priest in Christ's Holy Catholic Church."

The familiar service had an unusual aspect on July 7 at St. Anselm's Church here when the Rt. Rev. Robert C. Rusack, Bishop of Los Angeles, ordained Nguyen the first Vietnamese priest in the Anglican Communion.

Formerly a Methodist minister, since 1979 Nguyen has been chaplain at St. Anselm's Refugee Center, where hundreds of Indochinese have found help adjusting to their new life in the United States.

Thirty-seven of the Center's refugees were baptized in January at St. Anselm's and will form the core of a new mission congregation, of which Nguyen will be vicar.

The Rev. Fletcher Davis, former rector of St. Anselm's and president of the Refugee Center's board of directors, preached at the ordination service. "Many hands are laid on your head today, and many hopes will be laid at your feet," he told the ordinand, adding that Nguyen has already given long service to the refugee community, helping them make the difficult transition from the "world of the lotus," with its slower pace and agricultural setting, to the "concrete cloverleaf" freeway interchanges which represent California's urban lifestyle.

Nguyen studied at London Bible College for two and one half years, receiving a Diploma of Theology. In 1969 he attended Golden Gate Seminary, a Southern Baptist college in San Francisco, where he earned a Master of Divinity degree. Nguyen also has masters degrees in Theology and Library Science from City University in New York, and a Ph.D. in Theology from the Methodist Church's Drew University, Madison, N.J.

Nguyen immigrated to the U.S. in 1974 as a permanent resident. He attained U.S. citizenship in 1983.

Three days after his ordination, Nguyen presided at the opening Eucharist of the Episcopal Asiamerican Strategy Task Force (EAST) national meeting in Seattle, Wash.

Nguyen and his wife Thuan have two young children, Daniel, age four, and Samuel, age two.

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LITURGY & MUSIC

GROUPS TO MEET

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WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (DPS, Aug. 9) -- Plans have been announced for the annual conference of the Association of Diocesan Liturgy and Music Commissions to be held Nov. 5-8 at the Holy Family Retreat Center in West Hartford, Conn. The conference is sponsored by the Connecticut Liturgical and Music Commissions as part of the celebration of the two hundredth year of the diocese.

The conference theme, "The Paschal Mystery, the Pastoral Offices, and Pastoral Ministry," will be introduced by keynote speaker the Rev. Dr. H. Boone Porter, editor of The Living Church; it will be further developed by the Rev. Dr. Marion Hatchett of St. Luke's School of Theology, who will discuss the liturgies of confirmation, commitment to Christian service, and marriage, and by the Rev. Dr. Daniel Stevick of the Episcopal Divinity School, who will interpret the rites of reconciliation of the penitent, ministry to the sick, and ministry at the time of death.

In addition, four sessions will be used to introduce the 1982 Hymnal. This part of the conference will be conducted by members of the Standing Commission on Church Music led by the new hymnal's general editor, Raymond Glover, along with James Litton, Marilyn Keisco, and David Hurd.

Worship at the conference will include daily celebrations of the Eucharist using some of the propers for various occasions -- Holy Cross, Incarnation, Holy Spirit, and for all baptized christians -- to accompany the general theme. Morning Prayer and one of the other offices will also be sung each day. The hymns and service music will all be taken from the 1982 Hymnal, usually using texts, tunes, or both which were not in the 1940 edition.

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R.L. REED NAMED TO

STEWARDSHIP OFFICE

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NEW YORK (DPS, Aug. 9) -- The Rev. Ronald L. Reed has been appointed as staff officer for stewardship at the Episcopal Church Center, effective Sept. 1.

Originally from Ashland, Kan., Reed attended the University of Oklahoma at Norman, graduating with honors in history, English, and philosophy. He went on to the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass. from which he graduated in 1971.

Following his ordination, Reed served first as assistant and later as associate rector of St. Thomas Church, Whitemarsh, Pa. His special areas of concern there were youth ministry and Christian education. He then became rector of Christ Church and Saint Michael's in Philadelphia, where he developed a strong program of stewardship education which also served as an instrument for parish renewal.

For the past year, he has been coordinator of the ministry process for the Diocese of Pennsylvania. He has also served that diocese as director of the office of stewardship education.

Reed has, in addition, worked with the Episcopal Church Center's Office of Stewardship and Development as a stewardship area representative. In this capacity, he has travelled throughout the United States and, most recently, has assisted the Rev. Thomas H. Carson, Jr., executive for stewardship, at clergy practicums in the Philippines and Taiwan.

As staff officer for stewardship, Reed will continue to lead workshops and clergy practicums as well as take on other functions, such as editing the stewardship newsletter and working with stewardship area representatives in the areas of training and fieldwork.

An essay by Reed on the theology of stewardship is expected to be published in booklet form by the stewardship office sometime next year.

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BISHOP LOUTTIT

DEAD AT AGE 81

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ORLANDO, Fla. (DPS, Aug. 9) — The Rt. Rev. Henry I. Louttit, retired Bishop of the former Diocese of South Florida from 1951 to 1969 and of the Diocese of Central Florida from 1969 to 1970, died July 24. Louttit, 81, had been in failing health for the past several months.

A Requiem Eucharist was celebrated in the Cathedral Church of St. Luke here July 30 by Bishop William H. Folwell of Central Florida.

Through Louttit's episcopate from 1945 to 1970, he led the church through years of growth and rapid change. Exercising his ministry with enthusiasm and conscientious labor, he saw opportunities in every challenge and persistently called his people to pioneer for the future. With his people, he built a church which today in three dioceses serves a Florida only faintly envisioned in 1945.

Louttit was born Jan. 1, 1903 in Buffalo, N.Y. He attended Hobart College and went into business in Miami before attending seminary.

He graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary in 1929 and served briefly at All Saints' Church in Tarpon Springs and at Trinity Church in Miami.

Louttit served in the National Guard and in 1934 was commissioned in the Chaplains Corps. In 1941 when World War II broke out, he was called to active duty, eventually serving as a major in the South Pacific. While hospitalized in an army hospital in the U.S. in 1944, he was elected suffragan bishop of South Florida.

Louttit became bishop coadjutor of South Florida in 1948, and in 1951 he succeeded as diocesan bishop. In 1946 he had been elected bishop of Western New York, but he declined the election.

In 1945 when he entered the episcopate, the Diocese of South Florida stretched from Ocala to Key West and claimed 21,000 communicants, 56 priests, and 92 congregations. When he retired from the active ministry in 1970, there were in the same area 80,769 communicants, 259 clergy, and 204 congregations. Louttit's leadership was an important factor in his church's growth.

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In the 1950's, Louttit spoke out forcefully against racial discrimination and segregation. "As Christians," he said, "ours is a ministry of reconciliation, to make men (ourselves included) to be at one with God, that we may be at one, each with the other." Segregation, he said, was contrary to the Christian faith.

On the national church level, Louttit served as chairman of the Armed Forces Division, as chairman of the General Commission on Chaplains and Armed Forces Personnel, as chairman of the Department of Christian Education of the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church, and as a trustee of the Episcopal School of the Caribbean. He was president of the Florida Council of Churches from 1947-48.

He was author of two books, Fear Not and Commanded to Preach.

In June 1969, Louttit announced his retirement to be effective the end of 1969 or as soon as the division of the Diocese of South Florida into three dioceses was consummated. Following the division of the diocese in early 1970, his two suffragans, James. L. Duncan and William L. Hargrave, were instituted as bishop of Southeast Florida and bishop of Southwest Florida respectively. Louttit served very briefly as bishop of the new Diocese of Central Florida. On Feb. 9, 1970, he consecrated Folwell as his successor. Louttit also had ordained Folwell as deacon and then as priest.

Louttit is survived by two sons, The Rev. Henry I. Louttit, Jr., rector of Christ Church in Valdosta, Ga., and James W. Louttit, M.D., of Maitland, Fla., and by five grandchildren.

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AUTHOR AND ECUMENICIST,

BISHOP NEILL DEAD AT 83

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(Courtesy, The Church Times)

LONDON (DPS, Aug. 9) -- The Rt. Rev. Stephen Neill, renowned as missionary, teacher, Church historian, ecumenical theologian and author of many books, died at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford in late July, at the age of 83.

Since 1979, he had been an assistant bishop in the Diocese of Oxford.

Born on the last day of 1900, Neill experienced an amazingly varied and creative life.

Elected a Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, at the age of 24, he abandoned the prospect of an academic career in order to become a missionary in India, mainly as the head of a theological college before his election as Bishop of Tinnevely in 1939.

Then came another change, for the strain of a wartime episcopate proved too great, and he returned for two years in Cambridge before moving to Geneva to lead the study program of the infant World Council of Churches.

Already an author of note, he became general editor of World Christian Books for a decade beginning in 1952. He also lectured and conducted missions in many countries and served as professor in universities of Hamburg and Nairobi.

Even his retirement was no rest, for he established himself at Wycliffe Hall and became something of a guru to many students. All through these years a prolific output of books continued, embracing not only missionary and ecumenical topics but also Bampton Lectures on The Interpretation of the New Testament (1964) and works expounding Christian doctrines to students or non-technical readers.

Two of his most valuable works were widely sold Pelican books: Anglicanism (1958) and A History of Christian Missions (1964). He edited for the World Council of Churches a history of the ecumenical movement from 1517 to 1948 and The Layman in Christian History. He kept up his writing to the end, returning to his first love, the history of Christianity in India.

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NEW YORK (DPS, Aug. 9) -- Alan Sanborn, who for the past two and a half years has served here at the Episcopal Church Center as staff to the National Committee on Indian work, will be leaving Aug. 15 to attend seminary. To honor his work with the Committee, they awarded him a certificate, signed by the Rt. Rev. William C. Wantland, Bishop of Eau Claire and chairman of the N.C.I.W.; the Rev. Canon Edward Geyer, Executive for National Mission in Church and Society; and Owanah Anderson, fieldworker for the N.C.I.W. The scroll reads: "National Committee on Indian Work to all whom these presentments shall come, greetings: Know ye that this commendation is presented to Alan Sanborn in grateful recognition of outstanding contributions of time, effort, and ability through service to the National Committee on Indian Work of the Episcopal Church."

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (DPS, Aug. 9) -- The Very Rev. Harvey H. Guthrie, Professor of Old Testament and Dean of the Episcopal Divinity School here, has submitted his resignation as of June 30, 1985. He has held the position since the school's inception in 1974. The resignation was given at the May 23 meeting of the board of trustees of the seminary. In a letter to the seminary community dated the next day, Guthrie explained his feeling: "As we move into the celebration of the school's tenth anniversary and look to the future while giving thanks for the past, I have increasingly come to the conviction that it is the right time." The Episcopal Divinity School was formed by the merger of the Episcopal Theological Seminary, located here, and the Philadelphia Divinity School. Guthrie had been dean of the former institution for five years prior to the merger. A native of California, he received his theological degrees from the General Seminary in New York and served on the faculty there before joining the faculty of the Episcopal Theological Seminary in 1958.

YORK, England (DPS, Aug. 9) -- The General Synod of the Church of England, meeting here, has provisionally approved regulations

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which would allow divorced people to remarry within the Church, perhaps as early as the fall of 1985. Debate over the new regulations lasted over five hours and opposition still exists. A minority group of bishops favored a service of prayer to be used after all civil marriages. As proposed, the remarriage regulations would require applicants to consult their parish priest, who would then refer the case to his diocesan bishop. For complex cases, there would be an advisory panel. General guidelines to be used would cover such things as seriousness of intent, provision for children from a previous marriage, and whether the partner was at fault in the breakdown of the previous marriage. A draft proposal is being sent to the 44 dioceses for their reflection and reaction. It will then be re-presented at next year's Synod.

ABERDEEN, Scotland (DPS, Aug. 9) -- A group of Episcopalians from the United States is planning a pilgrimage here in September. The impetus behind this event is the 200th anniversary of the consecration of Samuel Seabury, of Connecticut, as the first American bishop. After the break with the English Church caused by the American revolution, the fledgling Episcopal Church was left without a bishop. Seabury was chosen to fill that office, but there was no one in the U.S. to consecrate him. He travelled to England in hope of receiving consecration there, but that proved to be impossible, as the Church of England's service of consecration required the candidate to swear loyalty to the King. His quest eventually ended here, where he was consecrated by bishops of the Scottish Episcopal Church.

SYDNEY, Australia (DPS, Aug. 9) -- The Ven. David Nkwe, Archdeacon of Johannesburg West and Rector of St. Paul's Jabavu, Soweto, spoke about his native South Africa during a recent visit to St. John's Anglican Church here. Calling himself a "prisoner of hope," he declared that Christianity forbids despair. He stated "I believe as a Christian that God is in control of the situation in South Africa, and that perhaps we, as human beings, have not exhausted all the options available," but added "Time is fast running out for those of us who wished to be classed as moderates." When asked what practical assistance other

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Christians could offer, Nkwe pointed out that when majority rule becomes a reality, lack of education will be a serious problem. He said it would be helpful if churches were to endow scholarships in African centers of learning and offer aid to African students wishing to study in other countries.

HARTFORD, Conn. (DPS, Aug. 9) -- The Society for the Increase of the Ministry recently announced grants of \$6,000 each made to two seminarians for internships during the 1984-85 academic year. The grants were made possible by an award of \$12,000 from the Episcopal Church Foundation. Recipient Laura P. Biddle will minister to women in the Framingham Correctional Institution in Massachusetts and help establish support groups to aid them in re-entering society. Stephen S. Kirk will use his grant to attend Codrington College, an Anglican seminary in Barbados, and to work at St. Lucy's Parish there in order to increase his understanding of the West Indian culture from which many of his future parishioners will come. Both Biddle and Kirk have completed two years of theological education and expect to return for a final year following their internships. In addition to these awards, the Society, founded in 1857, has also given scholarships totalling \$70,000 to 125 other students at the ten accredited Episcopal seminaries.

BLACKSBURG, Va. (DPS, Aug. 9) -- Participants at the Working Class Ministry Conference sponsored by the Appalachian People's Service Organization in March had requested a newsletter on that subject. The first issue has now appeared and is available from the Rev. Ward Ewing, P. O. Box 58536, Louisville, KY 40258. It contains ideas on ministry in working class congregations, an item on programs being developed and/or used by working class congregations, and a theological reflection by Ewing, who is rector of St. Peter's in the Valley, Louisville, and chairs the working class ministries ad hoc steering committee.

LONDON (DPS, Aug. 9) -- The Advisory Council for the Church's Ministry, which is the organization in charge of recruitment for the Church of England, has announced that it will seek to bring more

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blacks into the ordained ministry. This is part of an effort to reverse a decline in the number of candidates for holy orders. In a move recently approved by the House of Bishops, each of the country's 43 dioceses is being asked to look for potential black candidates. Plans are also underway for a fall conference on black vocations to be co-sponsored by the Advisory Council and an inter-church group, the Association of Black Clergy; this will be the second such gathering.

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (DPS, Aug. 9) — Dr. James H. Evans, Jr., has been named the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Professor at Colgate Rochester Divinity School/Bexley Hall/Crozer Theological Seminary here, a multid denominational seminary which maintains official relationships with the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A., and the Episcopal Church. Evans has been a member of the faculty of the Divinity School since 1979 as associate professor of theology and black church studies. He has also served as acting director of the program of black church studies. Evans, a member of the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A., has a Master of Divinity degree from Yale University Divinity School and both a masters and a doctoral degree from Union Theological Seminary. He has also won a number of scholarly awards and is the author of several books and articles.

NEW YORK (DPS, Aug. 9) — Kiran Daniel, an Episcopalian who is a citizen of India, recently joined the staff of the National Council of Churches here as director for the committee on christian literature for women and children. The program is a part of Intermedia, for which Daniel will also serve as director of print media, and comes under the N.C.C.'s division of Overseas Ministries. Daniel, 50, has wide experience both geographically and as an editor, writer, and public speaker. She is married to an Episcopal priest and they have two children.

PRINCETON, N.J. (DPS, Aug. 9) — The Rev. Richard K. Fenn, a graduate of the Episcopal Theological School and Princeton Theological Seminary, has been appointed Maxwell M. Upson Professor of Christianity and Society at Princeton Seminary, effective July 1, 1985. He is pres-

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ently professor of sociology at the University of Maine. Prior to embarking on an academic career, he served as curate for the Episcopal Church of Our Saviour in Akron, Oh., diocesan assistant in the Diocese of Nagpur in India, vicar of Epiphany Church, Royersford, Pa., and priest-in-charge of St. Philip's Church, Radnor, Pa.

SYDNEY, Australia (DPS, Aug. 9) -- An apprenticeship for bishops has been suggested by the Australian Anglican ministry and training board. The Most Rev. Peter F. Carnley, Archbishop of Perth, Metropolitan of the Province of West Australia, who chairs the committee, said that new bishops are left to "sink or swim" with "no resources" to prepare themselves for their job. Under the proposal, a new bishop would live with another bishop for a month before assuming his post.

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